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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1968

Workers' compensation in Queensland is handled solely by the State Government Insurance Office. All employers must insure their employees, but self-employed persons are not obliged to insure, and members of the Police Force and the Commonwealth Public Service are excluded. Details of industrial accidents given in this bulletin were extracted from claims finalised or becoming three years old during the September quarter 1968. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within the period. By definition, accidents which caused employees to lose less than a full shift from work are excluded from the statistics.

An analysis of the September quarter 1968 claims showed that, of the 8,401 persons suffering work injuries, 7,718 (91.9 per cent) were males and 683 (8.1 per cent) were females. Of the persons injured, 8,167 (97.2 per cent) suffered injuries of a temporary nature, 215 (2.6 per cent) received some form of permanent disability, while 19 (0.2 per cent) were fatally injured. The 19 deaths were all males.

Work time lost through temporary disabilities amounted to 140,278 calendar days by males and 12,936 by females. Male employees lost an average of 18.7 days and 39.4 per cent of absences did not exceed one week's duration. The average number of days lost by female employees through temporary disabilities was 19.1, and 38.0 per cent of absences did not exceed one week's duration.

Of the male occupation groups listed in Table 2, Metal Tradesmen and Process Workers suffered most injuries (1,716, or 22.2 per cent). In the female grouping, more accidents (197, or 28.8 per cent of the total) happened to Service Industry and Recreation Workers than to any other group.

The most common agents precipitating these accidents were Hand Tools and Movable Equipment which led to 1,974, or 23.5 per cent, of work injuries. In the type of accident category, 3,570, or 46.3 per cent, of the injuries to male employees resulted from being Struck by Moving or Falling Objects, and 242 female employees, 35.4 per cent of the total number injured, received their injuries in the same manner.

Lacerations and open wounds (2,370 cases) and sprains and strains (2,250 cases) were the two most common injuries suffered. Internal injuries caused 9 of the 19 fatalities.

More detailed statistics are available quarterly and annually and may be had on request.

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Extent of Disability and Time Lost, September Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability ^a							Days Lost	
		Fatal ^b	Perman-ent	Tem-porary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Days Lost			
										Total	Average		
Males													
TOTAL	7,718	19	210	7,489	2,949	2,071	1,311	1,105	53	140,278	18.7		
Primary Production ..	684	3	32	649	132	180	154	169	14	18,891	29.1		
Mining and Quarrying ..	209	2	6	201	73	63	34	29	2	3,626	18.0		
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	171	-	5	166	68	39	31	28	-	2,959	17.8		
Metal Refining and Products	509	1	5	503	280	123	63	36	1	5,971	11.9		
Machinery, General Engineering	945	-	10	935	525	211	115	78	6	12,212	13.1		
Meat and Fish Processing ..	827	-	17	810	323	270	145	70	2	11,460	14.1		
Other Food and Drink Processing	364	-	13	351	146	93	61	51	-	5,632	16.0		
Sawmilling and Wood Products	410	1	22	387	138	119	69	60	1	6,823	17.6		
Preparation of Skins and Leather													
Goods Manufacturing ..	36	-	1	35	19	7	6	3	-	481	13.7		
Rubber Goods Manufacturing	53	-	2	51	29	10	8	4	-	580	11.4		
Other Manufacturing ..	161	-	3	158	66	35	24	33	-	2,910	18.4		
Electricity and Gas ..	133	2	3	128	54	33	23	16	2	2,217	17.3		
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	92	-	2	90	29	26	21	14	-	1,573	17.5		
Building Construction, Repairs	756	1	19	736	302	200	112	120	2	13,359	18.2		
Other Construction Works ..	821	3	22	796	252	242	167	128	7	17,605	22.1		
Road Transport	260	2	4	254	83	72	44	52	3	6,490	25.6		
Other Transport and Storage	381	1	19	361	110	85	79	82	5	9,121	25.3		
Commerce and Finance ..	667	2	15	650	246	199	110	89	6	13,175	20.3		
Community and Business Services	93	1	5	87	32	24	12	18	1	1,913	22.0		
Amusement and Personal Services	137	-	4	133	39	39	30	24	1	3,151	23.7		
Other Industries ..	9	-	1	8	3	1	3	1	-	129	16.1		
Females													
TOTAL	683	-	5	678	258	184	122	107	7	12,936	19.1		
Primary Production ..	19	-	1	18	3	5	2	7	1	792	44.0		
Metal Refining and Products,													
General Engineering ..	32	-	-	32	8	12	10	2	-	473	14.8		
Textile Manufacturing ..	17	-	-	17	8	5	2	2	-	212	12.5		
Clothing Manufacturing ..	32	-	-	32	14	6	8	4	-	442	13.8		
Meat and Fish Processing ..	145	-	2	143	71	38	19	14	1	2,082	14.6		
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable													
Canning	20	-	-	20	6	4	5	5	-	446	22.3		
Other Food and Drink Processing	36	-	-	36	15	11	6	4	-	611	17.0		
Printing, Packaging, etc.													
Manufacturing ..	15	-	-	15	4	7	1	3	-	284	18.9		
Other Manufacturing ..	41	-	1	40	17	12	3	8	-	755	18.9		
Commerce and Finance ..	110	-	-	110	54	30	9	17	-	1,590	14.5		
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	80	-	1	79	18	25	22	13	1	1,611	20.4		
Other Community etc. Services	28	-	-	28	9	5	10	3	1	705	25.2		
Hotels, Boarding Houses,													
Restaurants, etc. ..	71	-	-	71	25	13	14	17	2	1,945	27.4		
Amusement and Other Personal													
Services	23	-	-	23	2	7	9	4	1	694	30.2		
Other Industries ..	14	-	-	14	4	4	2	4	-	294	21.0		

a Calendar period of incapacity and not actual working days.

b Resulting in death at any time within three years after the accident.

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Type of Accident, September Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries		Falls of Persons		Struck by Moving, Falling Objects, etc.		Caught in or between Objects		Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement		Heat, Cold, Harmful Substances, Electric Current, etc.		Other Types	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.
Males														
TOTAL	19	7,699	3	1,577	8	3,562	1	703	-	1,274	1	377	6	206
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	2	100	-	30	-	34	-	7	-	14	-	5	2	10
Salesmen ..	1	60	-	20	-	15	-	2	-	18	-	1	1	4
Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters ..	4	694	-	168	3	310	-	79	-	91	-	18	1	28
Miners and Quarrymen ..	2	166	-	32	1	90	1	18	-	20	-	2	-	4
Road Transport Workers ..	1	395	-	125	-	119	-	36	-	88	-	5	1	22
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	1	138	1	31	-	55	-	9	-	24	-	12	-	7
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers ..	2	1,714	1	241	1	855	-	145	-	269	-	182	-	22
Carpenters and Other Wood-working Occupations ..	-	695	-	133	-	373	-	67	-	101	-	9	-	12
Painters and Decorators ..	-	93	-	33	-	35	-	4	-	17	-	3	-	1
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	-	320	-	81	-	125	-	24	-	65	-	13	-	12
Food and Beverage Workers ..	-	750	-	95	-	496	-	46	-	71	-	26	-	16
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators ..	3	277	1	71	1	112	-	27	-	47	1	9	-	11
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers ..	-	378	-	108	-	153	-	33	-	78	-	1	-	5
Labourers n.e.i. ..	2	1,351	-	263	1	610	-	124	-	265	-	59	1	30
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers ..	-	157	-	49	-	43	-	11	-	29	-	14	-	11
Other Occupations ..	1	411	-	97	1	137	-	71	-	77	-	18	-	11
Females														
TOTAL	-	683	-	177	-	242	-	70	-	135	-	36	-	23
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	-	63	-	23	-	16	-	6	-	12	-	4	-	2
Sales Workers ..	-	66	-	21	-	22	-	6	-	16	-	1	-	-
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc. ..	-	38	-	7	-	14	-	13	-	2	-	-	-	2
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	-	15	-	6	-	5	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Metal Process Workers ..	-	28	-	4	-	10	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	2
Food and Beverage Workers ..	-	92	-	15	-	39	-	6	-	19	-	6	-	7
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	-	38	-	2	-	15	-	8	-	12	-	1	-	-
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	-	111	-	15	-	60	-	8	-	19	-	4	-	5
Service Industry and Recreation Workers ..	-	197	-	71	-	51	-	13	-	40	-	19	-	3
Other Occupations ..	-	35	-	13	-	10	-	2	-	7	-	1	-	2

F. Fatal. N.F. Non-fatal.

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Agency^a Related to Accident by Nature of Injury, September Quarter 1968

Agency Related to Accident	All Injuries		Fractures, Dis-locations		Sprains and Strains		Lacerations, Open Wounds		Contusions, Bruisings, Superficial Injuries		Burns, Scalds		Other Injuries ^b	
	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F. ^c	N.F.
Total Persons														
TOTAL	19	8,382	7	1,032	-	2,250	-	2,370	-	1,898	-	317	12	515
Metal and Wood-working Machines	-	571	-	33	-	25	-	200	-	174	-	30	-	109
Other Machines ..	1	420	-	47	-	79	-	148	-	95	-	11	1	40
Lifting Equipment ..	-	126	-	30	-	27	-	26	-	36	-	-	-	7
Installed Equipment ..	1	121	1	11	-	31	-	13	-	26	-	21	-	19
Hand Tools and Movable Equipment	-	1,974	-	179	-	330	-	924	-	437	-	45	-	59
Means of Transport ..	10	871	3	165	-	251	-	144	-	257	-	8	7	46
Materials, Substances, and														
Radiation	-	288	-	4	-	7	-	15	-	68	-	188	-	6
Indoor Working Environment ..	-	636	-	81	-	278	-	78	-	160	-	8	-	31
Outdoor and Underground Working														
Environment	5	467	2	88	-	161	-	104	-	88	-	1	3	25
Other Agencies ..	2	2,908	1	394	-	1,061	-	718	-	557	-	5	1	173

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a The agency (i.e. the work conditions, equipment, person, animal, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature precipitated the accident.

b Including miscellaneous reactions to poisons, effects of electric currents, and exposure to weather.

c Including 9 cases due to internal injuries.

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability
September Quarter 1968

Type of Accident	All In- juries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability ^a							
		Fatal ^b	Perm- anent	Temp- orary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Days Lost		
										Total	Average	
Total Persons												
TOTAL	8,401	19	215	8,167	3,207	2,255	1,433	1,212	60	153,214	18.8	
Falls of Persons ..	1,757	3	25	1,729	509	474	358	367	21	44,609	25.8	
Struck by Falling Objects ..	872	6	16	850	342	206	168	128	6	15,702	18.5	
Stepping on, Striking, or												
Struck by Objects ..	2,940	2	74	2,864	1,358	863	406	231	6	37,004	12.9	
Caught in or between Objects	774	1	92	681	207	177	169	122	6	14,108	20.7	
Over-exertion or Strenuous												
Movement	1,409	-	6	1,403	475	381	230	301	16	32,233	23.5	
Exposure to, or Contact with,												
Extreme Temperature ..	252	-	1	251	107	75	50	19	-	3,123	12.4	
Exposure to, or Contact with,												
Electric Current ..	10	-	-	10	6	3	1	-	-	73	7.3	
Exposure to, or Contact with,												
Harmful Substances ..	152	1	-	151	120	21	7	3	-	927	6.1	
Traffic Accidents ..	68	6	1	61	19	12	16	12	2	1,991	32.6	
Other Types	167	-	-	167	64	43	28	29	3	3,444	20.6	

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b Resulting in death at any time within three years after the accident.

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